

claims is attached hereto on a paper separate from the amendment labeled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made," marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of each claim being amended.

5. (Amended) A method for automatically processing printer errors occurring during printing of a print job in a virtual printer system wherein a virtual printer is configurable with a plurality of physical print engines, comprising the steps of:

detecting occurrence of an error condition during printing of at least a portion of a print job in one of the print engines in the virtual printer; and

re-routing the remainder of the at least a portion of the print job not processed by the one print engine to a second print engine in the virtual printer system.

12. (Amended) An apparatus for automatically processing printer errors occurring during printing of a print job in a virtual printer system wherein a virtual printer is configurable with a plurality of physical print engines, comprising:

a detector for detecting occurrence of an error condition during printing of at least a portion of a print job in one of the print engines in the virtual printer; and

a router for re-routing the remainder of the at least a portion of the print job not processed by the one print engine to a second print engine in the virtual printer system.

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated July 18, 2002. Applicants have amended Claims 5 and 12 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.